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Hongkong, 12th January, 1889.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1889.

The prolonged stay of the *Pall Mall Gazette's*

Special Commissioner in Hongkong is

owing to his having found the colony of far

greater importance, both from an Imperial

standpoint and as a great commercial

centre and trading emporium, than he had

been led to anticipate. Mr. NORMAN,

quickly recognising the leading part this

island is certain to play in the political future

of China, Japan and other Far Eastern

countries, very wisely determined, although

doubtless at considerable personal inconvenience,

to give the readers of the *Pall Mall Gazette*

and the other journals with which he is connected,

something more than the ordinary "globe-trotter's"

or flying correspondent's superficial and

generally unreliable notions of the place.

With this object in view he has visited, or

intends to visit, the Dock Company's ship-

building and engineering establishments at

Hungham, Sam-shu-po and Aberdeen,

the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s

extensive premises, the Ice Manufactory,

the China Sugar Refinery, the Rope

Works, The Taitam Water Works,

Victoria Gaol, etc., etc. Mr. NORMAN

has also carefully studied the *Praya*

Reclamation scheme, the defences of

the colony, and several other questions of

public importance new on the tapis.

Although it would be too much to reason-

ably expect anything strikingly original

regarding matters which have already

been discussed times out of number from

almost every point of view, a keen

observer and facile writer like the repre-

sentative of the *Pall Mall Gazette* can

scarcely fail to compile a most interesting

record of the colony's forty-six years

existence under the British flag, describing

the principal local industries, the mar-

velous wealth and surprising commercial

vitality, the island's political importance,

not merely as a coaling station for our

fleet but as the outpost of British interests

in this part of the world, its defensive

requirements in order to render it safe

from outside attack—in fact, Mr. NORMAN

may be trusted to place before the public

at home a true sketch of the Hongkong of

to-day, both in its Imperial and commercial

character, that its well-informed

of the erroneous impressions entertained

even by the generally well-informed.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

FINANCIAL SCARE IN PARIS.

LONDON, March 7th.

The Director of the Comptoir d'Escompte in Paris has committed suicide, which has caused great alarm; but the leading banks are supporting the Comptoir in order to prevent a panic.

THE NAVY.

March 8th.

The first Lord of the Admiralty has announced that the Government has decided to build seventy war ships, and that the cost is estimated at £21,500,000.

THE COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE.

The Bank of France has advanced the Comptoir d'Escompte four millions sterling to meet the run that was made upon it.

(From *Strait Times*.)

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

PARIS, 1st March.

The Russian Press is indignant at the treatment meted to Atchinnoff and followers by the French authorities.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Spuller regretted the incident, which he said was solely due to the arrogance of Atchinnoff, and expressed the profound friendship existing between the two countries.

A motion endorsing this was adopted by the Chamber.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A FULL report of the Polo Club Races will be found in another column.

The full text of the *Praya Reclamation Ordinance* will be found in another part of this issue.

We regret to note from our contemporary the *Bangkok Times* that small-pox is very prevalent in that city.

It is officially notified that Mr. Mituyoshi Suzuki has assumed the duties of Japanese Consul at this port.

A COOLIE was fined \$10 this morning for taking water out of a sewer in Bonham Road to make concrete for building purposes. No wonder there is fever.

We are informed by the agent of the Messageries Maritimes that the Company's steamer *Anadyr*, with the next French mail, left Saigon to-day at 8 a.m. for this port.

THE Manila authorities have declared the port of Zamboanga, which is in the first district of the Island of Mindanao, infected with Asiatic cholera-morbus since the 13th February.

ANOTHER opium-smuggler was swooped upon this morning. He came from Macao by the *Kiungchow* and got into a sampan at the wharf. An eye was upon him, however, and the strong hand of the law hauled forth seven sausage-like skins containing 300 taels of prepared opium from a bundle he was nursing. He was fined \$500 by Mr. Woodhouse, and forfeited his stock-in-trade.

THE Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer *Phra Chom Klao*, Capt. W. H. Watton, which arrived here yesterday from Bangkok, reports having on the 5th inst., at 4 p.m., in lat. 11° 13' N., long 108° 54' E., picked up two shipwrecked Hainan fishermen who reported having been cast away on or about the middle of February, their junk having foundered in a gale of wind in the vicinity of the Paracels. The castaways had been eleven days in a small open boat when picked up.

THE presentation of an address and testimonial from the effective, honorary, and past members of the Hongkong Volunteer Artillery to Major Tripp, their late commandant, who is leaving the colony owing to ill health, will take place at Headquarters about 9 o'clock on Wednesday night. The Hon. P. Ryrie will make the presentation, and we are requested to state that ladies and the public generally are cordially invited to be present. A sort of *à la française* entertainment will be given after the presentation.

SAYS the *Hyogo News* of 17th ult.: Upon his arrival yesterday morning Captain Hardinge of the steamer *Falabak* reported passing the British barque *Penhaw*, of Hongkong, in the Kii Channel about seventy miles from Kobe, and in want of assistance owing to being short-handed. The *Falabak* could not spare any men, but Messrs. H. E. Reynell & Co., to whom the *Penhaw* is consigned, sent down ten sailors by the steam launch *Kata* immediately they received information of the barque's predicament.

OWING to an omission in the draw for the Lawn Tennis handicap, a fresh draw has been necessary, with the following results for the first round:—C. A. Tomes, a bye; C. Hirst v. V. A. C. Hawkins; C. Platt v. J. S. Ezekiel; J. Gray v. S. L. Darby; G. H. Potts v. G. S. Coxon; Capt. A. B. Blackburn v. F. W. Flith; G. Stewart v. F. H. Sawyer; S. W. Bethell v. E. W. Maitland; R. Carr v. E. J. Coxon; A. K. Garrit v. W. Taylor; J. Hastings v. A. K. Garrit; A. G. Wice v. W. H. Wallace; H. S. Wadman v. W. C. Murray; G. Bramwell v. G. Bird; C. W. Dickinson v. T. A. Scott; J. M. Atkinson, a bye.

The following is the handicap:—
Class A. Over 140.—Coxon, E. J.
" B. Over 130.—Wallace, G.
" C. Over 120.—Hirst, Stewart, Coxon, G. B.
" D. Over 110.—Potts, Hirst, Tomes, Atkinson.
" E. Over 100.—Garrit, Hastings, Flith, Scott, Capt. Blackburn.
" F. Over 90.—Ezekiel, Wadman, Hastings.
" G. Over 80.—Wice, Taylor, Darby, Murray.
" H. Over 70.—Bethell, Maitland, Carr, Sawyer.
" I. Over 60.—Dickson, Gray.

We call the following items of news from our Hanoi exchange: A rumour was afloat in the town that a Frenchman named Renault and his servant while journeying through Phu-than-than were attacked by natives, and beheaded. On the 15th ult. the village of Loc-ha (Phu-tu-son) located above the Canal of the Rapids, and two hours journey from Hanoi, was stormed by a band of Chinese. An elder of the place and five notables were shot dead, and the village pillaged. It having been decided to expel the hands of Chinese who had fled Thuan-mai, a French column of 450 strong left Monky on the 24th, and proceeded in the direction of Coai-doi where it was reinforced with artillery. It appeared that the Chinese mandarins of the frontier had been instructed to prevent acts of hostility from arising among the border people against the French. On the night of the 25th, the enemy attacked the French column, which repelled vigorously to their fire. Commandant Bandard was killed, and one soldier wounded. The band was killed, and the Chinese were dislodged and their fortifications demolished.

THE *Phra Chom Klao* reports having rescued two men from a small boat off the coast of Cochinchina on the 6th inst. They formed part of the crew of a junk which foundered in a gale near the Paracels eleven days before, and were in a precarious condition from exhaustion. The *Phigenta*, on her last trip from here to Japan, picked up three fishermen under similar circumstances. The *Johanna* reports that the *Phuquoc* is ashore at Pathol Island. The *Phuquoc* is a French steamer of 185 tons, trading on the Tonquin coast.

THE programme of the Highland Games, to be held by the 1st battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at the Racecourse on Wednesday the 13th inst., is made up of thirty-three events, of which five are open—namely, one mile race, dancing Highland Fling, dancing Gille Callum, bagpipe playing, and tug-of-war. There is also a half-mile race open to the Services and the Police. We believe that the regiment contains some first class pedestrians, so that local records have a good chance of being considerably reduced. The card does not state at what hour the sports will commence.

A CORRESPONDENT on board the Douglas Company's steamer *Hailong* states that on the night of the 27th ult., at about 9 o'clock, when the vessel was on her way to Foochow, a large bird (a Northern albatross) flew on board with great violence, striking the man on the wheel on the top of his head. The officer at the wheel immediately rushed at the bird, and after securing him, found that he measured a little over six feet from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. The captive was very fierce for two or three days and refused to eat anything, but since then he has taken kindly to his "chow" and appears quite contented with his lot, notwithstanding an injury he sustained in coming on board the ship. Our correspondent adds that he has been a good deal amongst albatrosses in the Southern seas, but never knew one to make the mistake this one made.

A SHANGHAI correspondent draws our attention to a petition recently presented to the Municipal Council of the Model Settlement praying for the abolition of the Lock Hospital, which document, he says, is signed "by a body of saints who are nearly all married people, including the whole of the 'sky-pilots' in the place." He further remarks that when religion drifts into fanaticism it is high time that the critic should take up the cudgels in defence of common sense, and states that the Shanghai folk know too well that the *Hongkong Telegraph* is the only paper in China capable of "giving it to them hot." We thoroughly appreciate the value of our correspondent's compliment, and also his wish to reprint our article ("giving it to them hot") in English and Chinese and post it on the walls of the streets of Shanghai, but as he has omitted to forward his name and address, we can do nothing in the matter.

A VERY courageous capture was effected on Saturday night by the police. The night before they received information that a gentleman named "Mann" intended breaking into a house in Bonham Strand and kept a look-out, and the thieves had got wind of the trap, and kept away. Next night an informer told that they were going to attack a rich home on the *Praya*, near the Harbour Office, and Detective Sergeant Mann, with another European and a number of Chinese constables, went down. Some of the lukewarm were hidden next door to the house in question, whilst the rest lay *perdu* in the Harbour Office, a few yards away. They could see three men moving about suspiciously, but a lot of coolies were carrying goods about, and the scene was not so unusual as it might appear. Seeing this, Mann deemed it best to assume the offensive, and sent some of his men to seize them. Two lukewarms accordingly went to each, but one ran away and got clear. A second was arrested without much difficulty, but the third, a very powerful ruffian, threw them aside and tried to pull a weapon from under his jacket. Mann knocked him down, and the other European seized his legs, but even then he almost overcame them and got away. A gentle blow on the knee with a truncheon quietened him, however, and on being searched a new nickel-plated self-extracting revolver, fully loaded, and a short keen-edged knife were found on him. A small chopper was also found, and the two men were brought before Mr. Woodhouse this morning, and in defence the man with the revolver admitted that he was looking for a man to kill him. He said his brother was beaten to death about a year ago, and having found out that the man who did it was steersman on a junk he was looking for him to avenge his brother's death. The other man told a slender story about having been attacked by armed enemies just before his arrest. Both were sent to gaol for three months, the weapons being forfeited.

A FRESH edition of fistfights has to be reported from Bangkok. It was only the other week that the Editor of the local *Times* had to "put up his fists" against a rabid reporter who thought he had a grievance against the Archibald lever, and now it appears that two members of the legal fraternity have settled their differences by punching each other's heads. This is how the Editor of the *Times*, with the awful terrors of the Libel Act staring him in the face, cautiously deals with the troubles: Bangkok may well claim to have reached the top-side of all other places for novelty. And these two members of the legal fraternity ought to know of them. When the shining lights of the legal firmament cease to find occasion to foster the ire of clients, and wage war with legal and forensic weapons on their behalf in the courts, it is quite true that, like Othello, they "occupy a gone," and they needs must find something to occupy their minds. But it is a novelty indeed to find them throwing "law to the dogs" and engaging in strife among themselves, or one with another—by means of innocent cards—as we learn happened on Friday night of last week. The novelty, however, does not consist in this, but in the novel manner (for lawyers) in which the dispute was carried on. It might be allowed in the case of Editors and their readers that at times the rules of the Prize Ring should be invoked, but in the case of lawyers this is a novelty indeed, and it is not permitted by any rule or custom extant in any country. How in the world are the courts to be supported, the lawyers maintained, and all their learning and knowledge and forensic skill have opportunity for display when the legal lights themselves set the example of settling disputes by such a simple method as fistfights, at the cost of a few bruises, and no ticals to speak of? We wonder, however, that the world has never heard of this before. 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